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**Re: Trial Conviction And Sentencing: Roque Larios and Marlene Coffman:
MF013783A+B**

Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a significant conviction and sentencing in an attempted murder case today. On October 15, 2020, a Kern County jury found Roque Larios, Jr. guilty of premeditated, attempted murder as well as assault with a firearm. The jury also found true that Larios intentionally discharged a firearm during the attempted murder, causing great bodily injury to the victim. The shooting occurred in the courtyard of an apartment complex in California City on January 15, 2020. Larios fired three shots at the victim, striking the victim once in the leg and once in the chest. The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Kara Thompson.

Marlene Coffman, Mr. Larios' girlfriend, was also charged and found guilty of being an accessory to the crime. The victim of the shooting suffered multiple gunshot wounds requiring prolonged hospitalization.

Roque Larios had been convicted in June of 2016 in a separate case (MF012085A) of charges of felony domestic violence and false imprisonment and had been sentenced to 5 years and 4 months in state prison for that case. By January of 2020, when the current case occurred, Larios had already been released from prison on parole.

The case was investigated by the California City Police Department in conjunction with the Kern County Sheriff's Office Mojave Substation and the District Attorney's Office Bureau of Investigation.

The sentencing was conducted on November 17, 2020, in front of the Honorable David Zulfa. Roque Larios was sentenced to a total of 50 years to life in prison, and Coffman was sentenced to one year in jail and two years felony probation for her role as an accessory to the crime.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented on the conviction, stating: “State laws and policies are allowing serious and violent criminals to serve less and less of their actual sentences, which permits increased opportunities to reoffend. However, repeated convictions for serious and violent crimes still allow us to finally put a stop to a career of criminal behavior, as has been accomplished here with a 50 years-to-life prison sentence.”